Additional Fund Allocation to Punjab

442. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for the year 1997-98 and 1998-99, separately, in Punjab by the Planning Commission for the annual plan of the State;

(b) the amount provided during the above period;

(c) whether the year-wise amount given to Punjab is less than the sanctioned one and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Punjab Government has requested Government to release an additional amount in the plan outlay; and

(e) the percentage of implementation of sanctioned Annual Plan of the above two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) In the approved total Plan outlay for Punjab of Rs. 2135.12 crore and Rs. 2501 crore during 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively, total Central Assistance allocated and released are as under:

(Rs. Crore)

Year	Gross Central Assistance	
	Agreed	Released
1997-98	1014.91	525.65
1998-99	688.38	379.75 (as on 19.2.1999)

Shortfall in release of allocated Central Assistance is mainly due to lower releases for Externally Aided Projects which are on reimbursement basis. During 1997-98, Ministry of Finance did not release the allocated Special Plan Loan of Rs. 395 crore to Punjab due to improvement in its resource position on account of writing off of loans raised by the State for the period from 1984-85 to 1993-94.

(d) Planning Commission considered special requests of Govt. of Punjab and released the following Additional Central Assistance during 1997-98 and 1998-99:

(Rs. crore)

Year	Total ACA sanctioned
1997-98	35.11
1998-99	1.00

(e) During 1997-98, reported Plan expenditure of Rs. 2011.86 crore was 3.70% more than the Revised Plan outlay of Rs. 1940.00 crore. The Government of Punjab has not provided the details of expenditure for the year 1998-99.

Central Pool Resources for North-Eastern States

443. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Pool of Resources for implementation of various recommendations contained in the report of the Shukla Commission for the North-Eastern States has been set up;

(b) if so, the resources collected under this Central Pool; and

(c) the funds allocated for each of the specific projects in the North-Eastern States for each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) A Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources has been constituted for assisting

development projects, including in the infrastructure sector, in the North East and Sikkim. The funds being credited by various Union Ministries/Departments to the Pool are expected to enable meeting the initial requirements in the current financial year.

Project proposals relating, inter-alia, to the recommendations of the Shukla Commission, are envisaged to be identified, from time to time, for assistance, on merits, from the Central Pool for implementation through appropriate Central/State agencies. Releases amounting to Rs. 93.10 crore have so far been made for the projects in the North East.

विकास संबंधी असंतुलन को ठीक करना

444. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के बाद भी देश में विकास संबंधी असंतुलन दूर नहीं हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ग) क्या चालू योजना को कार्यान्वित करने से पूर्व सरकार ने इस बात पर गंभीरता से विचार किया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में किए जाने वाले परिवर्तनों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री, संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) से (ङ) नौवीं योजना, पिछली विकास कार्यनीति की सामर्थ्य और कमजोरी के पर्यावलोकन पर आधारित है तथा देश के सामाजिक आर्थिक विकास में उपयुक्त दिशा और संतुलन प्रदान करना चाहती है, नौवीं योजना का प्रमुख कार्य, सामाजिक न्याय और भागीदारी के साथ नये युग में प्रवेश करना होगा जिसमें न केवल केन्द्र और राज्य सरकारें बल्कि बहुत बड़ी संख्या में लोग, विशेषकर गरीब लोग भागीदारी आयोजना प्रक्रिया के प्रभावी साधन बन सकते हैं जहां पर न्याय और समानता सहित विकास सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सार्वजनिक और निजी क्षेत्रक तथा सरकार की सभी श्रेणियों की भागीदारी अनिवार्य होगी। नौवीं योजना ने सामाजिक और भौतिक आधारसंरचना, कृषि, सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी तथा जल नीति के विशिष्ट पहलुओं का चयन किया है जिनके लिए पर्याप्त संसाधनों सहित व्यवहार्य, समयबद्ध लक्ष्यों को निर्धारित करने के लिए विशेष कार्य योजनाएं की गई हैं।

Disappearance of Alloy Bars from ISRO Centre

445. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Three alloy bars disappear from high security ISRO centre" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 30.1.99;

(b) if so, the facts of the case reported therein;

(c) whether Government have ascertained the causes of disappearance of alloy bars from the high security ISRO centre and fixed any responsibility; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to avoid such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Liquid Propulsion System Centre (LPSC), Valiamala near Tiruvananthapuram imported 103 pieces of aluminium bars from France. Out of these, 3 bars were found to be missing from the Stores premises on 23.1.1999. A Police complaint was lodged and the Police have since arrested 4 persons and the stolen property has been recovered on 3.2.99.

(c) and (d) As soon as the missing of the bars was known, an internal enquiry was ordered into the matter and to suggest remedial measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents. Steps have